

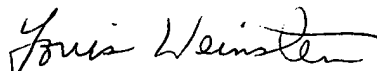
REMARKS

The new application accompanying this Preliminary Amendment was reviewed preparatory to filing and was found to contain certain minor informalities. This Amendment is offered to cure said informalities which includes amendments to the Specification, Abstract and Claims. In addition, Claims 17 through 20 have been newly added. A separate letter to the official draftsman accompanies this Preliminary Amendment requesting permission to amend Figure 9 as shown in red on the attached sheet.

Since this Preliminary Amendment and Request for Permission to Amend Figure 9, place the the application in better condition for examination, it is submitted that entry of this Preliminary Amendment is appropriate.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and early allowance of this application are respectfully requested. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such favorable action cannot now be taken, it is requested that he telephone applicant's undersigned attorney in order that any outstanding issue may be resolved without the necessity of a further Office Action. If there are any fees in connection with this response, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 23-0815.

Respectfully submitted,


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